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"Sugar and Spice" to be released soon

New Line Cinema is releasing a feature film made in Saint Paul this month called SUGAR AND SPICE. This quirky dark comedy may raise eyebrows, and may not reach art house standards. However, notable talent behind the project may serve up a laugh or two to those of us who can appreciate humor at the expense of traditional high school icons.

SUGAR AND SPICE is the most recently made studio film with ties to Saint Paul. Familiar locations include the corner of Concord and Robert Streets, Arlington High School, Payne Avenue's Hamm building, and various homes in the Macalester/Groveland neighborhood.

New Line Cinema spent close to \$3 million in Saint Paul in connection with the film.

SUGAR AND SPICE pokes fun at a ditzzy group of high school cheerleaders who craft a twisted way of helping their leader become financially independent of her parents. TV previews show the cheerleaders wearing innocent looking Barbie doll-style masks while attempting to rob a store. SUGAR AND SPICE should hit local theaters within the next few weeks.

Several factors have influenced local film production in the past year. The first is that the Canadian government offers rebates to film productions on a national and provincial basis. That, combined with the exchange rate, makes a film budget go twice as far -- no small incentive to producers with their eye on the bottom line.

The second is that the film industry in the U.S. is struggling against strikes either just ended, or just beginning, with actors', writers', and directors' unions.

The third factor the U.S. is facing, along with Saint Paul, is that the increase in cable channels and websites in search of content is leading to more companies in search of content, but with less money to spend on acquisition. In Minnesota, this is reflected in the way the number of TV series produced here has risen from 5 in 1995 to 17-20 in 2000.

Saint Paul continues to be sought after for commercials and independent films. In October, State Farm insurance produced one of the most generously budgeted commercials in two years on Summit Avenue. Also in 2000, two independent features were filmed in Saint Paul; BILL'S GUN SHOP, and WOOLY BOYS. Both are now in post production.

The city was also visited just last weekend by PBS, with the help of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. Saint Paul's own F. Scott Fitzgerald is the subject of a documentary in production. Thanks to a great deal of help from City of Saint Paul Parks employees, our frozen statue of Fitzgerald, cleared of ice, with Rice Park construction artfully disguised from view, will appear on the American Masters series sometime next year.

For more information about film and new media production in Saint Paul, see www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/film.



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Places to go. Things to do.

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Health Promotion Update

Happy New Year! The employee health promotion program is starting soon! In December, health promotion committee members were selected by department directors and include: Dolly Ludden, Regional Water Services; Marsha Taylor, Police; Bill Gilman, Fire; Roger Schwagmeyer, Technology and Management Services; Maureen Mitch, Citizen Service Office; Carole Brysky, Libraries; Ellen Black, Parks and Recreation; Sue Synstegaard, LIEP; and James F.X. Jerskey, City Attorney's Office. These folks will be responsible for organizing, planning, promoting, and evaluating the employee health promotion program. They have a strong interest in health, and are willing to commit talent, creativity, enthusiasm, and time. Please take a few minutes to thank them, and offer your suggestions and ideas!

Enter Contest - Win Great Prizes!

We're looking for a name for the City's new health promotion program! The name should convey a positive image and be easy to remember. At their first meeting in mid-February, Health Promotion Committee members will choose the name from all employee entries. The winning entry will receive a **\$50 gift certificate** for a local restaurant in the HealthPartners Healthy Eating Restaurant Network! All other entries will be entered into a random prize drawing for **four \$15 gift certificates** and **four \$10 gift certificates** for a restaurant in the Network. Only one entry is allowed per person, but you can suggest more than one program name. **All entries must be submitted by February 9.** If you have any questions, please contact anne.nelson@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call her at 266-8899.

To enter the contest and be eligible for the prize drawings, simply cut out and submit the entry form at right today, or e-mail your name, phone number, and program name idea to anne.nelson@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Reader offended

In the January 12th issue of City Update, I included a drawing of Marilyn Monroe with her skirt being blown, as in the movie "The Seven-Year Itch." I included the drawing because it has become one of the most famous images in movie history. The drawing accompanied an article about "Film Slam," an event at which attendees were invited to imitate famous movie images. I thought the image was quite appropriate to the idea. An anonymous caller said she was offended by the drawing, although she didn't say why. I am sorry it was offensive, and will continue to try to be sensitive to readers' comments and suggestions.

—The Editor

Name the Program Contest

I think the City of Saint Paul's Health Promotion Program should be called:

My Name _____

My work phone number _____

Return this form to the
Risk Management Division, 240 City Hall,
by Feb. 9th to be eligible for prize drawings.

City job openings as of January 26th, 2001

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	Architect I BOE	\$1543.14	See Job Ann
Open	Architect II - BOE	\$1736.21	See Job Ann
Open	Clerical Assistant BOE (part-time)	\$9.00 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Clerk-Typist II (full & part-time)	\$914.25	See Job Ann
01/30/01	Custodian Engineer II BOE	\$17.08 per hr	02/02/01
02/02/01	Elementary School Clerk BOE	\$14.24 per hr	02/06/01
Open	Employee Benefits Coordinator	\$1650.66	See Job Ann
01/30/01	Food Service Supervisor III (prom)	\$14.08 per hr	02/06/01
Open	**Food Service Assistant (part-time)	\$9.01 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Food Service Helper (part-time)	\$8.00 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst I	\$1201.32	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1397.98	See Job Ann
Open	IS Information/Technical Analyst III	\$1550.12	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist I	\$1085.87	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist II	\$1148.08	See Job Ann
Open	IS Systems Support Specialist III	\$1397.98	See Job Ann
Open	Library Clerk (Part-Time)	\$9.49 per hr	See Job Ann
02/15/01	Park Security Officer (part-time & seasonal)	\$9.18 per hr	See Job Ann
02/13/01	Police Officer/Police Trainee	\$1456.14/\$10.00 per hr	02/22/01
Open	Recreation Leader (permanent/part-time)	\$8.81 per hr	See Job Ann
02/06/01	Technical & Support Services Manager	\$2369.18	See Job Ann

** This is a walk-in-examination. Do not submit a job application before the test.

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 (TTY/TDD 651-266-6501) or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after January 18th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.